

Rural Utilities Service, USDA

§ 1775.7

Agency employees, members of their families, known close relatives, or business or close personal associates, is subject to the provisions of subpart D of part 1900 of this title. Applicants for this assistance are required to identify any known relationship or association with an Agency employee.

§ 1775.2 [Reserved]

§ 1775.3 Objectives.

(a) The objectives of the Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program are to:

(1) Identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste disposal problems in rural areas.

(2) Assist applicants in preparing applications for water and waste grants made in accordance with part 1780 of this chapter.

(3) Improve operation and maintenance of existing water and waste disposal facilities in rural areas.

(b) The objectives of the Solid Waste Management Grant Program are to:

(1) Reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources.

(2) Improve planning and management of solid waste sites.

§ 1775.4 Definitions.

Association. An entity, including a small city or town, that is eligible for Rural Utilities Service (RUS) water and waste financial assistance in accordance with § 1780.7 of this chapter.

Grantee. An entity with whom The Agency has entered into a grant agreement under this program to provide technical assistance and/or training to associations as defined in this section.

Low income. Median household income below the poverty line for a family of four as defined in Section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)), or below 80 percent of the Statewide nonmetropolitan median household income.

Regional. For purposes of the Solid Waste Management grant program, as implemented through this part, regional is defined as any multi-jurisdictional area including multi-State or any multi-jurisdictional area within a State.

Rural area. For water and waste disposal facilities the terms “rural” or

“rural area” will not include any area in a city or town with population in excess of 10,000 inhabitants according to the latest decennial census of the United States.

State. Any of the fifty States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Western Pacific Territories, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

§ 1775.5 Source of funds.

Technical Assistance and Training grants awarded will be made from not less than one (1) percent or, at the discretion of the Agency Administrator, not more than three (3) percent of any appropriations for grants under Section 306(a)(2) of the CONACT, (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)). Technical Assistance and Training grant funds not obligated by September 1 of each fiscal year will be used for water and waste grants made in accordance with part 1780 of this chapter. This section does not apply to Solid Waste Management grants.

§ 1775.6 Allocation of funds.

Control of Technical Assistance and Training grant and Solid Waste Management grant funds will be retained in the National office and allocated on a project case basis. These funds are not available for obligation by States.

§ 1775.7 Eligibility.

(a) Entities eligible for Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) grants are private nonprofit organizations that have been granted tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of the United States.

(b) Entities eligible for Solid Waste Management (SWM) grants are nonprofit organizations, including:

(1) Private nonprofit organizations that have been granted tax exempt status by the IRS; and

(2) Public bodies including local governmental-based multi-jurisdictional organizations.

(c) Applicants for either TAT or SWM grants must also have the proven ability, background, experience, legal authority, and actual capacity to provide technical assistance and/or training on a regional basis to associations as provided in § 1775.3.